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DEPARTMENT PASS AGRICULTURE FOR FAS/G&F FROM AG ATTACHE

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SUBJECT: BULOG COMMODITY PURCHASES

GEN. ARIFIN, BULOG CHIEF, IN CONVERSATION WITH AG ATTACHE
HAS DISCLOSED THE FOLLOWING COMMODITY PURCHASES WHICH IS NOT
REPEAT NOT FOR PUBLICATION:

1. INCREASED DEMAND AND LACK OF ADEQUATE DOMESTIC PRODUCTION
HAS CAUSED BULOG TO CONCLUDE PURCHASE ARRANGEMENT WITH
CONTINENTAL GRAIN FOR 30,000 LONG TON NO. 2 YELLOW USDA
STANDARD GRADE SOYBEANS. BULK SHIPMENT 15,000 TONS AT \$282
PER TON FOR SEPT 15 SHIPMENT AND BALANCE AT \$285 PER TON FOR OCT 15
SHIPMENT. CARGO WILL BE BAGGED UPON ARRIVAL FOR STORAGE. GEN. ARIFIN
HAS ASSISTANCE THIS TRANSACTION FROM HIS LONG TIME FRIEND
RAPHAEL TOTAH AND DID NOT WANT TO RECEIVE QUOTES OTHER
U.S. SUPPLIERS. PRIVATE TRADE PURCHASES OF SOYBEANS THROUGH
SINGAPORE AGENTS TOTAL 110,000 TONS TO DATE. ALTHOUGH THIS
SITUATION CONSIDERED TEMPORARY IT WILL NEED FURTHER
WATCHING FOR POSSIBLE SALES OPPORTUNITIES.

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2. BULOG HAS JUST CONCLUDED 50,000 MT PURCHASE OF TWENTY PERCENT BROKEN PAKISTAN RICE AT \$205 PER TON FOB. SHIPMENT OF 5,000 TONS TO BE MADE IN DECEMBER WITH BALANCE DURING JANUARY-MARCH 1977 PERIOD.

3. GEN. ARIFIN WILL DEPART FOR BURMA NEXT WEEK TO CONCLUDE PURCHASE ESTIMATED 40,000 TONS RICE. WILL ALSO STOP IN BANGKOK DURING RETURN TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE BULK PURCHASE 30,000 TONS CORN. THIS REQUIREMENT FOR CORN ALSO DISCUSSED WITH TOTAH WHICH AGAIN IS DUE TO POORER DOMESTIC CROP.
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